



Remarks

By way of the foregoing amendments, claims 6 and 7 have been amended to depend from claim 5, wherein antecedent basis can be found for "the anchor points". This should render moot the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112.

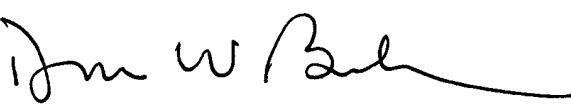
Regarding the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103, the documents relied on by the Examiner, namely, the www.mellesgriot.com/products/tablesandbreadboards-tablesreview.asp web page, the Melles Griot, "Science Desk: Product Specifications and Selection Guide" brochure, and the Melles Griot, "Science Desk: Ergonomic Workspace Systems for Manufacturing & Science" brochure, had not been published or distributed to the public prior to applicants' perfected priority date of August 14, 2000, or more than one year prior to the filing date of the subject application, and thus do qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102/103. Therefore, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 should be withdrawn.

Early issuance of a notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

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